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79. (New) A fibrous material or fiber of an aromatic polyamide that has been dyed with a dyebath comprising a mixture of a dye diffusion promoting agent and a dye soluble or dispersed with said agent, said agent comprising an aromatic amide having 7 to 14 carbon atoms capable of increasing the swelling value at least 1.5%.

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80. (New) A method of treating aromatic polyamide fibers with a flame retardant comprising contacting the fibers with a bath comprising a functional amount of the flame retardant and a flame retardant diffusion agent comprising an aromatic amide having 7 to 14 carbon atoms capable of increasing the swelling value at least 1.5%, and heating the fibers while in contact with the bath to fix the flame retardant within the fibers.

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81. (New) A fibrous material or fiber of an aromatic polyamide that has been treated with a flame retardant bath comprising a mixture of a flame retardant diffusion agent and a flame retardant soluble or dispersed with said agent, said agent comprising an aromatic amide having 7 to 14 carbon atoms capable of increasing the swelling value at least 1.5%.

REMARKS

With this Amendment, claims 1-13 and 78-81 are presently pending in the application. Claims 65-68 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 78-81 do not add any new subject matter to the present application and are fully supported throughout the specification, in particular on page 10. This Amendment is submitted in accordance with Senior Judge McKelvey's May 9, 1997, Order in Interference No. 103,685.